

## **Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Presentation Outline**

### **for Recreation Subcommittee**

- In the eight step review and approval process for BLM Recreation Fee Proposals, BLM Southern Nevada District Office is pre-step one
- Today, we come here to discuss our overall plan for public involvement and timeline for a proposed fee adjustment
- We are currently in the process of reviewing a draft fee proposal and business plan for Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area
- This plan, which is step one in the review and approval process, will:
  - Describe the proposed fee adjustment
  - Conduct a financial analysis
  - Analyze existing private and public facilities or services, including fees charges
  - Describe how Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area will inform the public about expenditures
  - Compare regional fee comparison of amenity sites
- The draft business plan and fee proposal will be available in January 2009 which will initiate the public comment period
- The public comment period is planned from January through July 2009
- The public comment period will include a wide variety of outreach vehicles including:
  - Web site
  - News release
  - Posters
  - Flyers
  - Comment cards
  - Newsletter articles
  - Letters to interested parties
  - Public meetings
- Following the public comment period, comments will be reviewed and incorporated into the final business plan and fee proposal.
- The business plan and fee proposal will be reviewed by the BLM Nevada State Director and Washington Office in September/October.
- In the Fall of 2009, the Recreation Resource Advisory Council will review the fee proposal, business plan and public comments and make a recommendation to approve, amend or oppose the fee adjustment.
- If approved, a fee adjustment would take place in January 2010.
- While the fee adjustment for Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area is not to the stage of the other proposals you will hear today, we wanted to inform you about where we are in the process and our next steps.
- In January, the business plan, fee proposal and communication plan will answer many of the questions you probably have such as:
  - What is the proposed fee adjustment?
  - What are/will be the funds used for?
  - What are comparable fees in the area?
  - How will BLM outreach to the public?
  - Etc.